



Sanctions Issues Strategy				
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Objectives	Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones	Intermediate Measures	Resources
1. Formulate a process prior to sentencing to enhance the information judges have for sentencing domestic violence offenders.	1. Determine best practice regarding information important to the court at time of sentencing. 2. Explore options regarding implementation. 3. Determine resource needs. 4. Write or update policies and procedures regarding the provision of information provided to the Court at sentencing. 5. Design and facilitate training for appropriate justice personnel on the new/updated policies and procedures regarding the provision of information provided to the Court at sentencing.	Lead: DSVPO/ designated lead Lead: SMC/ designated lead Begin January 2007; end July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report on best practices with recommendation for implementation. ▪ Implementation plan ▪ Written policy. ▪ Training plan ▪ Training and evaluation 	Planning & Development Specialist: .2 FTE* Funds for consultant and training*

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2. Consider increasing the severity of sanctions for domestic violence through Municipal Court misdemeanor sentencing guidelines that give a clear message to offenders that DV is a dangerous and serious crime, and consider limiting the number of chances an offender has to comply with conditions of sentence,	1. Review current law and practice regarding sanctions and compare with other jurisdictions	Lead DSVPO, HSD, SMC, CAO Begin April 2006; end July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report of the review and findings. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .1 FTE FTE*/Municipal Court Strategic Advisor .1 FTE
3. Improve compliance rates for domestic violence offenders in Seattle's criminal justice system.	1. Examine databases (MCIS, Tracker) for ways to improve compliance information. 2. Study obstacles which may impede offender's compliance. 3. Determine ways the system can assist in eliminating obstacles. 4. Prioritize resources to address obstacles.	Lead SMC/ designated lead Begin January 2007; end January 2008 Lead: DSVPO/ SMC, designated lead Begin January 2007; end December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Database improvements. Report on obstacles. Recommendation plan. Benefit cost analysis. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .1 FTE*
4. Explore alternatives to confinement for domestic violence offenders and	1. Identify best practices regarding alternatives to confinement.	Lead: DSVPO/ SMC, designated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gap analysis report with 	Planning & Development



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propose a plan for implementation.	2. Develop recommendations. 3. Determine next steps. 4. Identify resource needs for this process.	lead Begin January 2007; end July 2008	recommenda- tions ▪ Budget impact analysis ▪ Action plan	Specialist: .1 FTE*
5a. Explore advocating at the state legislative level for extended supervision of DV cases, similar to current jurisdictional enhancements for DUI offenders. (See "Batterer Intervention Strategy, Objective 4). 5b. Consider pursuing state legislation to increase potential sentences.	1. Review state law and the results of the current practice to determine the need for extended supervision or revised sanctions 2. Identify and work with partners statewide to develop legislation and strategy. 3. Explore the legislative changes involved in the DUI enhancements in 2002 4. Draft an impact analysis of the effect of any proposed legislation on local courts and jurisdictions. 5. Finalize proposed legislation & legislative strategy 6. Implement legislative strategy	Lead DSVPO, HSD, SMC, CAO, OIR Begin April 2006; end July 2009	▪ Notes from meetings ▪ Reports on analysis ▪ Inter-agency agreements with state association ▪ Legislation ▪ Legislative Strategy ▪ New Law	Planning & Development Specialist: .1 FTE
Expected Outcomes				
1. Increase compliance by 5%. 2. Increase compliance information by 10%.				

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